

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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"BIG STICK" BATTERS SARDINIA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ANOTHER day when about all we can do is to watch the flotsam on the flood-stream of the news and try to guess from it what is happening—or likely to happen.

IN our guessing, however, we must keep this always in mind: When, in an ordinary flood, we see a hen floating past, we are justified in assuming that somebody's chicken house has been floated out. In this case we have to remember that somebody may have thrown the hen into the stream to fool us.

THREE hundred American bombers blast the Italian island of Sardinia. That's quite a striking force. When 300 bombers go out, you may be quite sure it ISN'T just to get the view.

Sardinia is an advanced outpost that must be taken before Europe can be successfully invaded from across the Mediterranean.

ITALY is plenty scared. Swiss dispatches today tell of bomb-dazed refugees from the far south fleeing northward.

IMAGINE, for a moment, that you're an Italian, having no gun at all or maybe only an old blunderbuss, but taking your crown prince at his word and going out to pit your "spiritual and physical" strength against an opponent who is hung with modern weapons like a Christmas tree.

STOCKHOLM (another rumor factory) says the Germans are frantically building invasion walls in Norway.

More significant, perhaps, the Nazi press and radio have been bragging for months about the vastness and the (alleged) impenetrability of the German invasion wall—which, the boast goes, is already "200 kilometers longer than the Great Walls of China" and of greater depth; "the greatest building project since the Pyramids" Goebbels' propagandists shout.

LET'S see.
Wasn't it Sophocles who said: "It's men, not walls, that make a state?"

ANYWAY, the Great Wall of China was breached and China was overrun.
The fortified castles of the robber barons of the Rhine were ultimately smashed and the robber barons themselves dragged forth to meet the fate they so richly deserved.

HISTORY tells us there is no greater or more dangerous delusion than the "safety behind fortified walls" idea that at recurring intervals down through the centuries has taken possession of people's minds.

If you are inclined to doubt, remember France, sitting in fancied security behind her Maginot line.

OUR navy tells us today that five of the 16 Jap bombers that flew against us at Attu Sunday night were shot down and seven more were probably destroyed. The remaining four streaked it westward at top speed after the flight.

WHATSOEVER mistakes have been made in our conduct of the Pacific war, none of them (Continued on Page Two)

War Production Halts as Akron Rubber Men Idle

AKRON, O., May 25 (AP)—The war labor board today urged 49,000 idle employees of Akron's three major rubber companies to end a production stoppage resulting from a WLB wage decision, and union leaders meanwhile called a special session of the CIO United Rubber Workers' international executive board.

Strike-inflicted idleness halted war production by three major rubber companies in Akron today, and Baltimore transit workers who laid off to attend a union meeting threw a heavy additional burden on that city's transportation system, already taxed by the eastern gasoline crisis.

In Alabama, however, an agreement was reached to end an eight-mile walkout in protest against fines levied for work stoppages last month.

Protest WLB
The rubber strike, protesting a war labor board decision, left 49,000 workers idle in the face of a war department demand for resumption of war production. Affected were plants of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, B. F. Goodrich company and the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, all of which are engaged in the manufacture of war materials.

The CIO United Rubber Workers union blamed the strike in newspaper advertisements on a "lack of confidence in the fairness and impartiality of the WLB" which pared to three cents an hour a panel recommendation of an eight-cent-an-hour wage increase.

Demand Return
James P. Mitchell, industrial personnel director of the army service forces, voiced the demand for a return to work in a telegram to Sherman H. Fairly, union president, asserting that the work stoppage "in violation of your non-strike agreement has caused grave concern to the war department" and added that "every moment lost jeopardizes the health and safety of our armed forces."

Tightly-formed picket lines again stopped workers reporting at Goodyear's No. 1 plant, but there was no recurrence of the fist fights that halted a back-to-work movement yesterday afternoon.

Transit Strike
In Baltimore A. H. Keeler, international representative of the AFL-affiliated Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, said there was no strike—just a union meeting.

A spokesman for the Baltimore Transit company estimated 80 per cent of the concern's street cars and buses still were operating but added that the lines most seriously affected were those serving the Bethlehem-Fairfield and Bethlehem Sparrows Point shipyards.

WLB Refuses Wage Increase To Coal Miners
WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—The war labor board refused today to grant a basic wage increase to the nation's 450,000 soft coal miners, but recommended some other concessions and tossed the portal-to-portal pay issue back into collective bargaining with the understanding it would approve any reasonable sum agreed upon.

Portal-to-portal pay covers underground travel time as well as (Continued on Page Two)

Churchill Hints Invitation to Italy To Expell Nazis; Make Separate Peace

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, viewing the tide of war as indisputably having turned to the United Nations, in effect today invited the Italian people to throw out the Nazis and fascists and make a separate peace.

Taking over a presidential press conference at the White House at which he also spoke of good conclusions having been reached on prosecuting the war in the Pacific with the greatest vigor, he had this to say of the war-weary Italians:
They would be very well advised to get rid of their leaders and throw themselves on the

USS Oklahoma, Pearl Harbor Victim, Brought to Surface



The U. S. battleship Oklahoma's days are not yet over. Blasted, with 18 other vessels, in the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, the big battleship overturned with a large percentage of her crew aboard. Now, after months of arduous salvage work, the vessel is shown as she was righted. She is expected to sail again under her own power. Official U. S. navy photo.

FLOODED ILLINOIS RIVER LEVELS OFF
Mississippi Continues To Threaten Missouri
By The Associated Press
Leveling off of the flood-choked Illinois river at two danger points today cheered thousands of weary levee workers and residents of river towns who were compelled to surrender their homes to the rising crests in the last week.

The Mississippi continued, however, to threaten further disaster to an already flood-stricken section of Illinois and Missouri.

The Red Cross at St. Louis reported that in Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma 2,756,000 acres of land have been flooded. The homeless were estimated at 160,000.

The critical area in the six-state midwest flood zone was along the 125-mile front of the Mississippi from St. Louis to Cape Girardeau, Mo., and along the Boppamille stretch of the Illinois from below Peoria, Ill., to the junction with the Mississippi.

Level Falls
At Peoria where the Illinois river forced closing of several large industrial plants, the level fell .22 of a foot from the crest to a depth of 28.60 feet. The levee near the huge Caterpillar tractor plant, where work on war machinery was halted, was holding and no serious trouble was expected.

The situation remained serious, however, at the south end of Peoria where a sewage disposal plant was menaced. An alarm was sent out last night for 600 more men to bolster the levee. The office of civilian defense (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball
Hollywood 4 7 0
San Diego 2 7 0
Joiner, Younkers (10) and Brenzel; Chapel, Johnson (10) and Salkeld, Ballinger (10).

Klamath Business Houses to Close Memorial Day
Klamath Falls business houses will close Monday in observance of Memorial Day, the retail trade bureau decided in a meeting at the chamber of commerce offices this morning.

Although there will be general closure in the business district, the Red Cross surgical dressing production room will operate as usual, Red Cross officials announced. Men's class will be held Monday night.

The war, they said, will not stop for the holiday.
Special Election To Be Set for Englebright Post
SACRAMENTO, May 25 (AP)—A date for a special election to fill the second California house of representatives seat made vacant by the recent death of Representative Harry L. Englebright, republican whip, will be set within the next few days, Governor Earl Warren said today.

War Prisoner Labor May Be Used in Klamath
Italian war prisoners may be brought to Klamath county this season to assist in meeting the farm labor shortage.

300 U.S. Airplanes Storm at Italian "Stepping Stone"

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 25 (AP)—The allies bludgeoned the Italian island of Sardinia with their big stick—their air power—yesterday, sending more than 300 American planes to attack nine important defense targets on that stepping stone to Italy.

Bomb-pitted Pantelleria, the little fortified island 45 miles off Cap Bon which was under almost continuous attack much of Sunday and Sunday night was raided again Monday by American fighter bombers in the steady air offensive against the axis' southern front.

Twelve enemy aircraft were destroyed in combat during these operations of the past 24 hours, and it was officially stated that an unestimated number of others were wrecked on the ground.

Big Total
(This brought the number of destroyed axis aircraft in the last six days to at least 329 as a result of operations by the northwest African, Cairo and Malta air forces.)

Waves of Flying Fortresses, Mergers, Mitchells, Lightnings and War Hawks roared over Sardinia where German troops were announced yesterday by Berlin to have landed. The planes unleashed a merciless storm of bombs and dealt their heaviest blows to this vital axis base west of the Italian mainland.

Airfields Suffer
Docks, shipping and airfields suffered heavily. One supply ship exploded, four small vessels were sunk and seven others damaged by the cascade of bomb hits.

The Americans lost only three planes during the Sardinian sweeps. The present allied air offensive, unlike the German air force's attempts to neutralize the British fortress island of Malta last year when Marshal Erwin Rommel was pressing to ward the Nile, maintained its full striking power with negligible cost, taking full advantage of the Fortresses' ability to carry out high level precision bombing while defending themselves.

Fires Seen
Fires visible for 50 miles blazed from Terranova harbor on the northeast coast of Sardinia when the four-engined bombers hit dock installations. (Continued on Page Two)

Government Asks Judgement Against Associated Press
NEW YORK, May 25 (AP)—In anti-trust procedure without precedent, the government today asked federal court for summary judgment against The Associated Press—without the taking of testimony by witnesses in open court trial.

The motion was made in a civil suit pending before a special three-judge court. It seeks an injunction which would require The Associated Press to furnish its news and picture services to any newspaper willing to bear its proportionate share of the cost of gathering news.

Council Reviews Budget; Discusses Fourth of July
Starting half an hour early so that council members could review a rough draft of the city budget after the regular meeting before submitting it to the budget committee later this week, the city fathers met in regular session Monday night with Mayor John Houston, back from the east, presiding.

Discussion of Fourth of July plans came up first thing. O. D. Matthews, chairman of the rodeo committee, said that a rodeo was being planned for the celebration and a dance or possibly two would be held. There will be no carnival this year, however.

Proceeds to Commandos
Mayor Houston asked the council what it thought of turning over proceeds from the dances to the Commandos in view of their wounded soldier plan which has brought favorable publicity to the city, as well as being a worthy project in general.

A. H. Bussman said that since the city hospitality committee pays the standing expenses of the Commandos, perhaps they should receive the receipts and the Commandos could get the money from this committee as they needed it.

Favor Plan
After further discussion the city fathers went on record as favoring giving the money either to the hospitality committee or the Commandos, whichever the rodeo association decided.

Members of the appraisal committee were appointed by Mayor Houston. They were W. O. Smith, Frank Weaver and Police Judge Harold Franey. A. H. Bussman said that he thought a member of the council should be on that committee inasmuch (Continued on Page Two)

Heavyweights Sock Nippos at Rabaul
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, May 25 (AP)—Heavyweights of the allied aerial force teamed up yesterday in a major blow at the strong Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain.

Towering fires were kindled among parked aircraft by the 16 tons or more of explosives and incendiaries dropped by successive flights of Flying Fortresses and Liberators. Returning pilots said the glare of the flames still could be seen 30 minutes later when they were 100 miles away.

Powerful Position
Rabaul, located on Blanche bay at the northern tip of New Britain, has been described as the most powerful Japanese stronghold, next to the key naval base at Truk, in that sector of the southwest Pacific.

Reconnaissance planes had spotted what was described by a spokesman at General MacArthur's headquarters as a large concentration of enemy medium bombers and fighters at Rabaul.

Flying Fortresses struck first, shortly after midnight. They remained over the target area 45 minutes. Twenty minutes after the B-17's had departed, the Liberators reached the target area and bombed it for a half hour.

Telegrams Ask Aid to Prevent OPA Transfer
Telegrams went from here last night to Senator Charles L. McNary and Congressman Lowell Stockman, asking them to do what they could to prevent transfer of Siskiyou and Modoc counties, California, from the Klamath Falls to the Sacramento district office of the OPA.

Secretary Earl C. Reynolds of the chamber of commerce said that Siskiyou and Modoc counties are closely related to Klamath Falls geographically, economically and by transportation lines, and are a logical part of an administrative unit headed here.

He added that there have been reports reaching here that California senators and congressmen had objected to having parts of California administered by the OPA from headquarters outside California.

SACRAMENTO, May 25 (AP) James J. Boyle, regional director of the OPA, announced here today that six counties had been added to his district and that parts of four more are also under the jurisdiction of the Sacramento office now.

Navy Lists Local Men as Prisoners
Included in the Navy department's prisoner list No. 2, released today, containing names of 952 Marine corps personnel held as prisoners of war by the Japanese, was Platoon Sgt. Ernest Chester McVittie, whose step-father, B. C. Johnson, is a resident of Klamath Falls, and Cpl. Albert Jacob, who is the son of Mrs. Ruth Bellus of Lakeview.

The list, according to The Associated Press dispatch brings the total of Marine corps and Navy prisoners of war to 2255.